

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9



November 1st, 2015
Reformation Sunday



The Kingdom's Ours Forever

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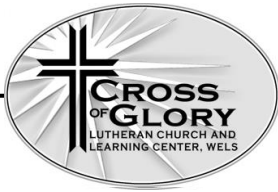
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Restrooms: The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

Cry Room: We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

Prayer Requests: If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.



ORDER OF SERVICE: REFORMATION SUNDAY

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.



M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)



M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

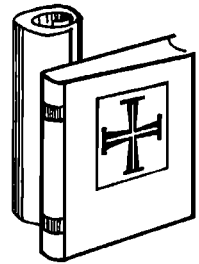
C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: *(spoken)* Amen.



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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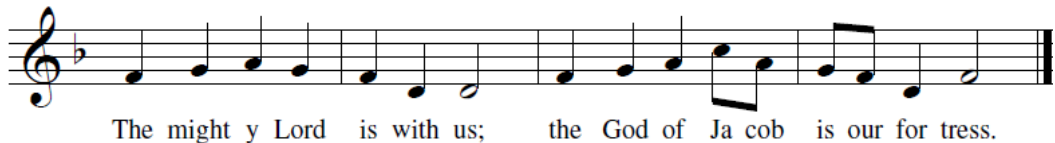
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....**Daniel 3:16-28**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. ²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly,

O king."²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire,²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 46



Psalm Tone



- M:** God is our refuge and strength, *
- C:** An ever-present help in 'trouble.
- M:** Therefore we will not fear, though the 'earth give way *
- C:** and the mountains fall into the heart 'of the sea,
- M:** Though its waters 'roar and foam *
- C:** and the mountains quake with their 'surging.

Refrain

- M:** There is a river whose streams make glad the ci'ty of God, *
- C:** the holy place where the Most 'High dwells.
- M:** God is within her, she 'will not fall;
- C:** God will help her at 'break of day.

M: "Be still, and know that 'I am God;
C: I will be exalted in the nations, I will be exalted 'in the earth."

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

SONG BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN....."The Lord's My Shepherd" (CWS #766)

GOSPEL.....Mark 13:5-11

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#200)

SERMON.....Psalm 46

"The Kingdom's Ours Forever"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 2ND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

C: **Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C: **For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: **For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation.

C: **For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: **For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

C: **For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

C: **For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: **Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

ANTHEMLift High the Name of Jesus

Verse 1

*Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace
The beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground
To freedom from our sin*

Chorus

*Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
Till the earth and heavens are
filled with His glory*

Verse 2

*Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than
Is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope
To serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise*

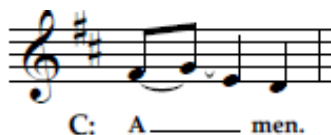
Chorus

Verse 3

*Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save
Can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

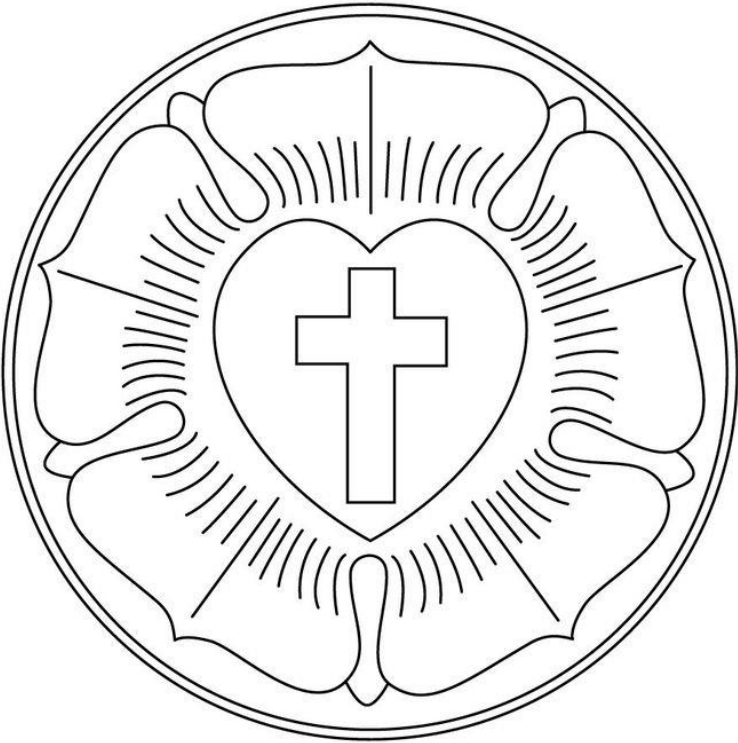


M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN..... God's Word Is Our Great Heritage (CW #293)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance - Worship: 60.

Offerings to the Lord - General Fund Offerings: \$1461.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday (11/5):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Sunday (11/8):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



There are letters for each of our member households on the table in the Gathering Room. Our members are asked to take these home and read them this week. The enclosed commitment forms are to be returned in an unmarked envelope by next Sunday, November 8th.

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT MEMORIAL TRIBUTE



We will once again be showing a memorial video as part of our Saints Triumphant Sunday worship (only three Sundays away...November 15th). This video gives us an opportunity to remember a loved one who has gone before in the Lord. If you would like to include someone in this video, you can either email Pastor Hahm a photo with your loved one's name, year of birth, year of death and relationship to you or you can give Pastor Hahm a photo to be scanned and returned to you. If you included someone in last year's video, they will once again be included in this year's tribute unless you desire otherwise.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 8TH



We will be having our quarterly congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, November 8th. All members are encouraged to attend to be informed and give their input on ministry at Cross of Glory.